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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 4, 2004, petition for one-month's extension of time and late fee being attached hereto, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

This application contains claims 1-36, all of which were rejected in the present Official Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented below.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-14, 18, 22-26, 30 and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Shyu et al. (U.S. Patent 5,923,792). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a method for processing data, in which a group of records is processed in order to find a relation between entries in two of the fields of the records in the group. This relation is then applied in order to verify entries in these two fields.

Shyu describes methods for computer-aided data entry. One of these methods, as noted by the Examiner, involves checking "whether the characters in a field or fields satisfy a predetermined relationship" (col. 8, lines 23-25, emphasis added). Shyu gives no indication as to the origin of this relationship, but it is clear that the relation is determined in advance of processing the data in question. Shyu neither teaches nor suggests any method by which the relationship might be found from the actual data being processed, as taught by the present patent application. As noted in MPEP 2131:

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim... "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Applicant respectfully submits that Shyu does not meet this requirement.

Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Shyu. In view of the patentability of claim 1, claims 2, 6

and 10-12, which depend from claim 1, are believed to be patentable, as well.

Claims 13 and 25 respectively recite computing apparatus and a computer software product, which operate on principles similar to the method of claim 1. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, claims 13 and 25 are likewise believed to be patentable over Shyu, as are claims 14, 18, 22-24, 26, 30 and 34-36.

Claims 3-5, 7-9, 15-17, 19-21, 27-29 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Shyu in view of Elischer et al. (U.S. Patent 5,193,121) or in view of Ohta et al. (U.S. Patent 5,050,221). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. In view of the patentability of independent claims 1, 13 and 25, from which these claims depend, Applicant believes these dependent claims to be patentable, as well, over the cited art. Applicant notes further that neither Elischer nor Ohta teaches or suggests the step of "processing at least some of the records so as to find a relation...", as recited in the claims of the present patent application.

Applicant has studied the additional references that were made of reference by the Examiner, and believes the claims in the present patent application to be patentable over these references, as well, whether the references are taken individually or in any combination.

Applicant believes the remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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